

Alternative 3
Iditarod National Historic Trail
Kenai Lake Area



| Kenai Lake Area (KL) | | | | | | | | |
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| (Note: Segment RR1 & TL1 are displayed on the area map and in table for reference, but are not included in summary text below) | | | | | | | | |
| Segment | Miles | 1986 INHT Comprehensive Plan | AK DOT & AK RR* | Alternative 3 FS Action | Trail Class | Primary** Managed Use (summer) | Primary** Managed Use (winter) | Prohibited Trail Use |
| RR1 | 32.2 | Primary Route | Rail Route | - | - | - | - | - |
| KL1 | 4.8 | - | - | Main Route | 3 | hike | ski | summer motor |
| KL2 | 2.0 | - | - | Main Route | 3 | hike | ski | summer motor |
| KL3 | 1.2 | Connecting Trail | Bike Path | - | 5 | - | - | - |
| KL4 | 1.0 | - | - | Access Route | 3 | hike | ski | summer motor |
| KL5 | 6.1 | - | - | Main Route | 3 | hike | none | summer motor |
| KL6 | 0.5 | - | - | Access Route | 3 | bike | none | summer motor |
| KL7 | 1.0 | - | - | Access Route | 3 | bike, hike | none | summer motor |
| TL1 | 2.4 | Prop. Side Trail | - | Main Route | 3 | bike, hike | snowmo, ski | summer motor |
| H2 | 13.9 | Connecting Trail | Bike Path | - | 5 | - | - | - |
| H3 | 7.5 | Connecting Trail | Bike Path | - | 5 | - | - | - |
| * Indicates existing, planned or proposed AK Department of Transportation or AK Railroad INHT segments. | | | | | | | | |
| ** Indicates actively managed trail use. Other trail uses allow ed unless prohibited. | | | | | | | | |
| Kenai Lake Area Summary: Trail segments for Alternative 3 in the Kenai Lake Area begin at the Goldenfin Trailhead, a State-managed facility used primarily for cross-country skiing. This section climbs up to approximately 1,000' elevation and continues on to the existing Grayling Lakes Trail that traverses semi-open sub-alpine forests of hemlock/spruce and provides angler access to excellent lake fishing in several small lakes (KL1). This alternative would upgrade the existing trail, and provide a new connection from Long Lake to Primrose Road (KL2). The trail would then cross the Snow River as a paved bike path (KL3) within the Seward Hwy right-of-way. KL3 would be built as part of the MP18-25.5 Hwy reconstruction project, and is not included as a FS Action. A new hiking trail would leave the hwy right-of-way on the east side of the bridge. It would parallel the highway about 200' above it, and cross two deeply-incised creeks in rock-walled gorges with single-span bridges (KL5). The KL trail segments end at Ptarmigan Creek. | | | | | | | | |
| This Alternative would provide approx. 15.4 miles of summer trail, and 7.8 miles of trail managed for cross-country skiing, but open to snowmachines. There would be approximately 7.3 miles of trail reconstruction and 8.1 miles of new trail construction. Most of the trail north of the Snow River Bridge would be unsuited to winter travel due to avalanche or vehicular hazards. Most of the trail locations through the Kenai Lake area would cross National Forest Lands, or are within DOT right-of-way. Goldenfin Lake trail begins on State Lands. | | | | | | | | |
| Bike Path: Two trail segments-along the Seward Highway are displayed on the map (H2 & H3). Both are bike paths that are planned as part of DOT's Highway reconstruction projects. Together these segments would account for approximately 21 miles of paved bike path. | | | | | | | | |
| Trailheads: Access to the trail through the Kenai Lake Area would be provided at five trailheads, four existing and one new. Trailheads include Goldenfin Lake (MP11.4), Grayling Lakes (MP13.3), the proposed Snow River (MP18) and reconstructed Victor Creek (MP19.5), both of which are planned as part of DOT's MP18-25.5 reconstruction project, and Ptarmigan Creek (MP23). Interpretive and informational signs would be installed at all trailheads. Construction of vault toilets at Victor Creek and Snow River would be done in cooperation with DOT's highway reconstruction project and are not part of this action. Existing access trails from Grayling Lakes (KL4), Victor Creek (KL6) and Ptarmigan Creek (KL7) would connect the trailheads to the main trail. The Goldenfin Lake and Snow River sites are adjacent to the Main Trail, so no access trails are needed. | | | | | | | | |

